Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) Under the procurement scheme every land holder or cultivator is bound to sell to Government a quantity of paddy equivalent to the Settlement Pattom of his holding, irrespective of whether the balance after such sale is sufficient to meet his full requirements for domestic consumption or not.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. They were considered and disposed of by Government.

(*d*) Yes; if there is sufficient quantity left with the cultivators after the sale of the quota to Government.

(*e*) No discrimination is shown in favour of owners of large area of paddy fields.

Purchase by the local Revenue Officers.

163. ***Mr. K. C. Chandy**: With reference to the statement in the Press Note dated the 1st September 1943 that "in order to facilitate the work of purchase by the local Revenue Officers agreeably to the principles laid down above, Government are taking steps to associate members of the Legislature with the Tahsildars in the respective taluks.....", will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what steps were taken since the date of the Press Note for the contemplated association of the members of the Legislature;

(*b*) whether any instructions were issued to the Tahsildars for this end;

(*c*) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, to place on the table a copy of such instructions;

(*d*) whether the members of the Legislature were notified of the same; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative, by what other means the contemplated association of members of the Legislature was brought about by Government?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) The Food Grains Purchase Officer addressed personal letters to the members of the Legislature requesting their co-operation as contemplated in the Press Note dated 1st September 1943.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Copy of the instructions issued to the Tahsildars is laid on the Secretary's table.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (b).

Midwives for Villages.

164. ***Mr. Paul A. Thallath**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether all the villages in the State have got qualified midwives appointed by the Public Health Department ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, will they take up the question now ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question has already been taken up and new midwifery centres are being opened in rural areas year after year.

Midwife at Arakozha.

165. * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any complaint has been received from the public of Arakozha and adjoining places about the necessity of having a midwife in the centre of that locality ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, will they sympathetically consider the request ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : (a) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Appointment of Midwives in rural areas.

166. * **Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of midwives appointed in rural areas ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : 36.

Measures to improve the health of the people in rural areas.

167. * **Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state the measures adopted by them in 1120 to improve the health of the people in the rural areas ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : A *statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

Economic Development Board.

168. * **Mr. K. Shahul Hameed** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the number of members of the Economic Development Board ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to page 84 of Part I of the Travancore Directory for 1945.

Post-war Reconstruction.

169. * **Mr. M. Madhavan Namboothiri** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any Committee or Sub-Committees have been constituted to consider schemes of Post-war Reconstruction ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have submitted any reports ?

* *Vide* Appendix- I p. 494.

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